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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MIYACHI ET AL.

Examiner

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's arguments /remarks based on a telephone interview of March 3, 2005 with respect to claims 1-7, have been considered. The finality of the rejection has been withdrawn. However, claims are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-7, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sperry et al. (USP 5,995,723).

With respect to claim 1, Sperry teaches a partial print provider (processing system 10 of fig 1, adapted to incorporate plurality of printers, col.7, lines 1-10) that permits a first print spooler (spooler 44 of fig 2) associated with a network print server (print provider 38 of fig 2) to interface with a second print spooler (one or more spoolers can be provided, col.8, 1-5, which can associated with a print server (print provider 38 of

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fig 2) associated with the network print server (38 of fig 2, col.7, lines 50-55) for further processing of a print job submitted to a the network print server (38 of fig 2) from a network print client (15-1 of fig 1, col.7, lines 17-20).

With respect to claim 2, Sperry teaches a partial print provider (processing system 10 of fig 1, adapted to incorporate plurality of printers, col.7, lines 1-10), wherein the network print server (38 of fig 2) is operating Windows NT software (application 30 of fig 2, such as Microsoft Window application, col.7, lines 39-43), and the second print spooler is a Windows NT print spooler, (col.7, lines 1-10).

With respect to claim 3, Sperry teaches a partial print provider (processing system 10 of fig 1, adapted to incorporate plurality of printers, col.7, lines 1-10), Wherein the interface between the NT print spooler and the first spooler (44 of fig 4) permits the first spooler to Leverage off on Microsoft's print services, protocols and network technologies (printers of fig 2, are connected to a local printer server which is a micro soft service protocol in a network environment).

With respect to claim 4, Sperry teaches a partial print provider (processing system 10 of fig 1, adapted to incorporate plurality of printers, col.7, lines 1-10), wherein the partial print provider is a dynamically linked Library file, (PDL from GDI, col.7, lines 40-45).

With respect to claim 5, Sperry teaches a partial print provider (processing system 10 of fig 1, adapted to incorporate plurality of printers, col.7, lines 1-10), wherein all print jobs received by the second spooler (one or more spooler, col.col.8, lines 1-5) is forwarded to the first spooler (44 of fig 2) for further processing.

With respect to claim 6, Sperry teaches a partial print provider (processing system 10 of fig 1, adapted to incorporate plurality of printers, col.7, lines 1-10), wherein the partial print provider can be modified to establish an interface between the print spooler (44 of fig 2).

With respect to claim 7, Sperry teaches a partial print provider (processing system 10 of fig 1, adapted to incorporate plurality of printers, col.7, lines 1-10), wherein the network print server is configured to be used with a xerographic print (printers of fig 2, via printer server 38 of fig 2).

Response to the arguments

4. The remarks made by applicant regarding the relevance of the prior art used to reject the application have been reviewed and respectfully considered.

However, the claimed limitation still necessitated a new ground of rejection as presented in this Office action. The detail of the office action as stated in paragraph 2 of this office action shows the cited prior and fully discloses the Limitation of claims 1-7 as broadly amended.

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Therefore, for the reasons discussed above claims 1-7 are not in condition for Allowance.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Negussie Worku whose telephone number is 571-272-7472. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore, can be reached on 571-272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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